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Remarks

By way of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-12 have been cancelled and claim 13 has been amended. Claim 13 is currently pending in the above-identified patent application.

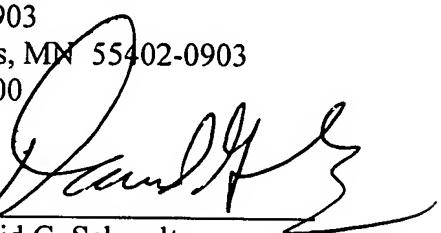
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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims

Claims 1-12 have been cancelled and claim 13 has been amended as follows:

13. The method for mounting a sundeck to a boat, the method comprising:

providing a clamp structure including [a fixed clamping member and a moveable clamping member] two clamping members;

maneuvering the clamp structure so that [the fixed and moveable clamping members are positioned on either side of] a first end of a sundeck is positioned between the clamping members;

closing the clamp structure [by causing the moveable clamping member to move closer to the fixed clamping member, thereby engaging] to engage the sundeck;

lifting the sundeck with a boom and lift assembly connected to the clamp structure;

connecting the sundeck to a back region of the boat while the boom and lift assembly hold the clamped sundeck at a desired position relative to the boat; and

disengaging the clamp structure from the sundeck when the sundeck is connected in the desired position.